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SUBJECT: PEMEX EXPANSION PLANS: 1977-1982; JOHN W. MECOM

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1. SUMMARY: AS PER REF, PETOFF MET WITH REPS OF OIL MEN JOHN W. MECOM JR. AND SR., FEB. 12-16. MECOM INTERESTED IN SELLING NEW QUOTE FRACING UNQUOTE PROCESS TBHPEMEX AND IN SUBCONTRACTING FOR OFFSHORE DRILLING. ALL PARTIES PLEASED AT PROGRESS MADE SO FAR THOUGH ANY AGREEMENT IS FAR FROM BEING FINALIZED. END SUMMARY.

2. PETOFF DESCUSSED CURRENT SITUATION IN MEXICAN OIL INDUSTRY WITH WILLIAM J. SMYTH (RPOTECT) WHO REPRESENTS JOHN W MECOM, JR. AND SR., TWO WELL-KNOWN TEXAS OILMEN. CONVERSATIONS ALSO HELD DURING PERIOD FEB. 12-14 WITH LOCAL REP OF MECOM WHO HAS EXTENSIVE CONTACTS IN PEMEX AND IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY.

3. MECOM HAS DRILLING BARGE AVAILABLE THAT IS SUITABLE FOR MUCH OF GULF OF CAMPECHE AREA. BARGE HAS DIESEL/ELECTRIC RIG CAPABLE OF DRILLING TO 70000M AND CAN OPERATE IN UP TO 100M OF WATER. PETOFF BRIEFED SMYTH ON GEOPHYSICAL
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CHARACTERISTICS OF OFFSHORE STRUCTURES AND ON PEMEX'S PROPOSED DRILLING PROGRAM. SMYTH CONFIDENT MECOM COULD COMPLETE PROGRAM IF SELECTED BY PEMEX.

4. MECOM IS ALSO INTERESTED IN SELLING NEW FRACTURING (FRACING) PROCESS FOR USE IN WORKOVER DRILLING OR IN LOW PERMEABILITY FORMATIONS PROCESS, DEVELOPED BY USG AND

ROCKET INDUSTRY, INVOLVES INJECTION OF HYDRAZINE AND NITROUS
OXIDE AND OFFERS FASTER, SAFER METHOD FOR OILFIELD
EXPLOSIONS.
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